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SUBJECT: MORALES BERMUDEZ SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE

1. MORALES BERMUDEZ AND MOST OF HIS CABINET ARE INTO THE THIRD DAY OF THEIR TRIP TO THE "NEAR NORTH". STATEMENTS OF MORALES BERMUDEZ AND CABINET MINISTERS DURING THIS TRIP ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP TO MARCH 31 ADDRESS. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME MAJOR THEMES IN MORALES BERMUDEZ' TALKS:

2. REVOLUTIONARY THEORY - IN CASMA PRESIDENT MARALES BERMUDEZ REITERATED THAT THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION IS SUI GENERIS AND REJECTS BOTH COMMUNISM AND CAPITALISM. "OUR REVOLUTION IS NOT A TRANSITION TOWARD COMMUNISM NOR A PROGRESSIVE FORM OF CAPITALISM". MORALES BERMUDEZ EMPHASIZED THAT THE REVOLUTION IS GUIDED BY "REVOLUTIONARY HUMANISM AND CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM, AND HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH IMPORTED MODELS OR NON-PERUVIAN SOCIALISM". MORALES BERMUDEZ BASED HIS COMMENTS ON THE IDEOLOGICAL BASES OF THE REVOLUTION AND DID NOT REFER TO THE PLAN INCA OR THE NOW DISCARDED PLAN TUPAC AMARU. HE REAFFIRMED THAT THE REVOLUTION WILL ALWAYS BE NATIONALIST AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST.

3. POLITICAL PRAXIS -MORALES BERMUDEZ DECLARED THAT POLITICAL PRAXIS CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THEORY. UNLIKE MARXISM, IN THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION THE ENDS DO NOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS. MORALES

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BERMUDEZ STATED THAT "THE REVOLUTION RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF

ALL PERUVIANS TO CRITICIZE AND ORGANIZE POLITICALLY, WITH FULL FREEDOM TO SUSTAIN OPPOSING POLITICAL VIEWS". THE PRESIDENT FURTHER DECLARED THAT "NO ONE IS OR WILL BE PERSECUTED FOR HIS IDEAS OR POLITICAL ACTIVITY. WE ARE OPEN TO DIALOGUE AND THE CONFRONTATION OF IDEAS WITH ALL PERUVIANS." MORALES BERMUDEZ NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIMIT TO OPPOSITION IS COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY.

4. IN HIS APRIL 29 SPEECH IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND PORT CITY OF CHIMBOTE, MORALES BERMUDEZ OUTLINED THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT. THIS MOVEMENT HE SAID, IS OPEN TO ALL PERUVIANS INCLUDING BUSINESSMEN, PROFESSIONALS, STUDENTS AND WORKERS WHO BELIEVE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY PRINCIPLES. THE MOVEMENT WOULD NOT BE "AN ALLIANCE AGAINST POLITICAL PARTIES" BUT WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE REVOLUTION.

5. LABOR -MORALES BERMUDEZ IN HIS SEVERAL SPEECHES AFFIRMED GOP RESPECT FOR THE WORKERS RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND STRIKE. HOWEVER, HE DECLARED THAT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE MUST BE CIRCUMSCRIBED BY THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. IRRESPONSIBLE UNION ACTIVITY COULD CREATE "A SITUATION OF VIOLENCE AND REPRESSION". FOR THESE REASONS, SAID MORALES BERMUDEZ, UNIONS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID STRIKES BY ENGAGING IN THE FULLEST DIALOGUE WITH MANAGEMENT AND THE GOP.

6. SOCIAL PROPERTY AND COOPERATIVES - MORALES BERMUDEZ REASSURED COOPERATIVES THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE FORCIBLY TRANSFERRED INTO SOCIAL PROPERTY ENTERPRISES. AT THE SAME TIME HE URGED THEM TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GREATER COMMUNITY. MORALES BERMUDEZ DEFENDED SOCIAL PROPERTY ENTERPRISES AS THE REALIZATION OF THE "PUREST FORM OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGY". AS SUCH, HE DECLARED THAT SOCIAL PROPERTY ENTERPRISES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FAIL.

7. COMMENT: ONCE AGAIN MORALES BERMUDEZ REPUDIATED THE MARXIST PATH TO SOCIALISM, AT THE SAME TIME ASSERTING THAT THE REVOLUTION IS GENUINELY SOCIALIST AND NOT A FORM OF "PROGRESSIVE CAPITALISM". IN HIS REFERENCE TO AGAIN ANOTHER GOP-SPONSORED POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, MORALES BERMUDEZ SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT THE CONTROVERSIAL FRONT FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION (FDRP) WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MERGED INTO A MORE BROADLY-REPRESENTATIVE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION. MORALES BERMUDEZ TERMED THE FDRP "AN IMPORTANT STEP" IN THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, REFERRING TO IT IN THE PAST TENSE. IN THE LABOR AREA MORALES BERMUDEZ CAUTIONED UNIONS AGAINST EXCESSIVE STRIKE ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD BE MET BY STERN COUNTER-MEASURES. IN HIS DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL PROPERTY, MORALES BERMUDEZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME MIGHT FAIL BUT HE APPEARED TO PROMISE GOP AID FOR STRUGGLING ENTERPRISES.

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